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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3,11 and 14-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1,2,4-10,12 and 13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3,11 and 14-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is responsive to RCE filed on April 8th, 2009.

Claims 3, 11, and 14~27 are presented for examination.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 10/23/08 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 1, 2, 4~10, 12, and 13 have been cancelled.

Claims 3 and 11 have been amended.

Claims 14~27 have been newly added.

The specification has been amended to replace the paragraph on page 2, line 20. The specification is entered and no new matter is introduced.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3, 11, and 14~27 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 3, 11, and 14~27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Subrahmanyam (U.S. 5,732,214) in view of 'Official Notice'.

Regarding Claim 14,

Subrahmanyam taught a network connected server computer implemented method for communicating a multimedia message from a first hand held computing device to a second hand held computing device over the network, the method comprising the steps of:

in response to the receiving step automatically storing archive account subscription data for the recipient (Col. 11, Ln. 14~21);

automatically accessing a database to identify whether the second hand held device is subject to an archive subscription (Col. 4, Ln. 41~45, login procedure without user intervention and using device identification code; Col. 11, Ln. 14~21), including performing:

automatically archiving for an indefinite period of time the multimedia message if the second hand held device is subject to an archive subscription (Col. 4, Ln. 33~35; Col. 5, Ln. 11~12).

Subrahmanyam did not teach receiving the multimedia message sent over the network by a sender using the first hand held computing device, the multimedia message intended for a recipient using the second hand held computing device, the multimedia message including a network address of the recipient; storing the multimedia message, including storing an electronic address of the first hand held computing device, an electronic address of the second hand held computing device, and notifying the recipient over the network that the multimedia message has been

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received from the sender, including sending a notification to the second hand held computing device.

However, Examiner takes official notice that receiving a message by a sender, storing the received message in a local storage of the recipient's device (which also includes the sender's address for identification purposes), and being notified of such message is well-known to one of ordinary skill in the art since sending a message to an intended recipient requires knowing the address of the recipient. Furthermore, a message arrival notification would further allow the recipient to act on the received message quickly instead of manually checking for any messages received.

Regarding Claim 3,

Subrahmanyam taught the step of automatically extracting a part of the content of the multimedia message before the step of archiving the multimedia message (Col. 12, Ln. 30~35, file processing (i.e. extraction) is performed on the data to be archived).

Regarding Claim 11,

Subrahmanyam taught the step of sending the recipient a dynamic link to a user account of the recipient (Col. 11, Ln. 14~21).

Regarding Claim 15,

Subrahmanyam taught the step of transcoding an image in the multimedia message so that the image is adapted to a display in the second hand held computing device (Col. 6, Ln. 30~34).

Regarding Claim 19,

Subrahmanyam taught the part of the content of the multimedia message includes a text character (Col. 11, Ln. 33~38, server performs any data processing (implies data can be an image, text, and/or audio) requested by user).

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Regarding Claim 20,

Subrahmanyam taught the part of the content of the multimedia message includes an audio segment (Col. 11, Ln. 33~38, server performs any data processing (implies data can be an image, text, and/or audio) requested by user).

Regarding Claims 26 and 27,

Subrahmanyam taught the receiving computing device has insufficient memory for storing the multimedia message (Col. 7, Ln. 41~47).

Regarding Claims 16~18, 21~25, the claims are rejected as being similar in scope to claims 3, 11, 14, 15, 19 and 20 and therefore, rejected under the same rationale.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HEE SOO KIM whose telephone number is (571)270-3229. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 8:00AM - 5:30PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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